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BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
A thousand and one useful presents can be found at Hills', the jeweler's, Norway.
The Noyes Drug Store is just splendidly dressed with holiday presents.
Read Hills' new ad.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Bargains in fur coats, ulsters, overcoats, suits, underwear, gloves, mittens, etc., at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store.
Christmas goods at Thomas Smiley's.
First class steel skates, 25 cts. to \$3.25. Ladies' 75 cts. Wm. C. Leavitt.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
The show window display of holiday goods at the Noyes Drug Store attracts considerable notice.
Choice of all our 50c neckties for 30c at Foster's.
Spectacles and eye glasses at Hills', the only practical optician in Oxford Co.
Step into the Noyes Drug Store and see the best line of Xmas presents in the country.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Thousands of handkerchiefs at Thomas Smiley's. Open evenings next week.
Silverware, silverware at Hills', not the cheap premium kind.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Special sale of neckwear at Noyes & Andrews' Blue Store. 50 cent ties, 33 cents; 25 cent ties, 18 cents.
If you want something fine in silverware at medium price, then go to Hills, the jeweler.
Choice of any 25c necktie for 15c at Foster's.
There will be a fine display of hand painted china, besides the other beautiful gifts, with Merritt Welch's goods at the Opera House.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Cloaks less than one-half price at Thomas Smiley's.
Pretty handkerchiefs, low prices, at Mrs. Hills'.
One second-hand coal stove, two second-hand coal stoves, for sale by Wm. C. Leavitt.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Wool boots and rubbers all complete for \$1.75 to \$2.25 at Oxford Co. Shoe Store.
Hobbs' Variety Store will be open every evening till after Christmas.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Elegant line of mufflers, gloves, handkerchiefs, fur caps, suspenders, umbrellas, etc., for the holidays at Noyes & Andrews'.
Hills', the jeweler's, is the place to buy your Christmas goods. Call and see.
Thomas Smiley's store will be open every evening next week.
Call and see Christmas goods at Mrs. Hills'.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
You can buy a gent's fine slipper at Oxford Co. Shoe Store for 50, 65 or 70 cents. F. W. Faunce clerk.
New prunes, 6c. lb., best 3 Crown raisins, 8c. lb., 4 Crown, 10c., at E. F. Bicknell's.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Christmas presents at Hills', the jeweler's.
All kinds of canned goods, best quality, cheap at E. F. Bicknell's.
In H. B. Foster's ad it says—Any 50c. tie, 38c., and 25c. ties for 18c. It should read thus, any 50c. tie for 30c. and any 25c. tie for 15c.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Don't forget to call at Horace Cole's and take a look at the new Xmas goods.
Mr. Merritt Welch will have a great exhibition and sale of Christmas novelties and fancy dry goods in the Norway Opera House, next week, commencing Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 2 o'clock, and ending Saturday night, Dec. 25. Open forenoon, afternoon and evening.
Big reduction on millinery at Mrs. Hills'.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Novelties in silverware at Horace Cole's, the jeweler's, Norway.
"Your water rent must be paid immediately if you expect to have water to use" is what Capt. Whitmarsh is saying to the delinquents. You better call round to the Elm House and settle.
The finest line of silverware in Oxford Co. can be found at Hills'.
Read Stone's Christmas ad.
You will find a complete line of Christmas slippers at Oxford Co. Shoe Store.
When you have been in all the stores and cannot find what you should like to buy for a Christmas present, call at Otto Schuener's store on Cottage St. next to the Beal's House, as he keeps a nice line of rattan furniture, writing desks, folding tables and other very pretty and useful presents, perhaps it will pay you 50-51.
An engagement ring, a wedding ring or a birth stone ring at Horace Cole's, the reliable jeweler, Norway.
S. Hartman is to open his cash grocery store in the Beal's block, next Saturday. See ad.
NORWAY AND VICINITY.
Jennie Cole is visiting in Boston.
Aaron Paige has moved back to Paris.
Horace Cole went to Boston, Tuesday morning.
Annie Cole has been laid up with a gripple.
Another big rainstorm, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Ed Judkins reports seeing a big red spot trout in the lake recently.
There is a new electric light at the corner of Deering and Summer streets.
Walter Knight has moved his family into Mr. Gardner's rent on Alpine street.
The village schools will keep but two days, Monday and Tuesday, next week.
W. C. T. U. ladies please, not forget the meeting, Monday evening, Dec. 20.
W. C. Cole is building a boat house for C. L. Hathaway at Twin Island in the lake.
Daniel Shaw and wife of Portland are stopping with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Winslow.
Fires will probably be lighted in the new boiler house at the shoe factory, this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens spent a few days of last week with relatives in Auburn.
The Knights Templar of Oxford County meet at Mason's Hall, Saturday, Christmas. An election of officers will be held, lunch served and the usual Christmas day observance.

Subscription Rates.
2 months, 25 cents.
3 months, 35 cents.
6 months, 50 cents.
12 months, 75 cents.

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Norway Municipal Court.

The attention of the court was occupied, Thursday morning, in the "sweating" case, State vs. Alonzo M. Varney. The writ alleges that he used profane language to two young ladies whom he found in the cutting room at the shoe factory. Mr. Varney is foreman in the stitching room. The respondent waived examination and appealed from a fine of \$2.00 which was imposed to the February term of the S. J. Court and gave bonds. Counsel, E. F. Smith for state and J. S. Wright for respondent.
Elbridge Pike was fined, including costs \$12.00, for drunkenness, Thursday morning.
Rev. B. S. Rideout will supply for Rev. Mr. Cook, Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church.
A very pretty sign has been placed over A. H. Bodkin's restaurant and home bakery.
Collector Cole says that taxpayers are unrelenting. There is 12 per cent. interest to be paid after Jan. 1.
Horace Cole says that as he came from Boston, Wednesday, he saw New Hampshire farmers using the breaking-up plow.
Edward A. Tyler will read Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll's "Thanksgiving Sermon" at Grand Army Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 16.
There will be a supper and Christmas tree at the Congregational church, for the Sunday school, on Christmas eve, Friday, Dec. 24.
The hunters who went to Stoneham got back, last week. Hugh McKay, Jesse P. Edwards, Fred Allen and Edwin C. Thompson each shot a deer.
A baked bean supper will be served at Concert Hall, Tuesday evening at 6.30 o'clock and will be followed by a promenade concert at 8 o'clock.
The Woman's Relief Corps will meet in G. A. R. Hall at 2.30 p. m. on Monday, Dec. 20, for the election of officers. All the members are expected to be present.
We omitted by mistake from our building list, the changes which Wm. C. Cole made for James Danforth in the Beare stand after it was purchased by Mr. Danforth.
Charles H. Adams and crew are fixing over the basement and first story of Mason's Block for the Smiley Manufacturing Co. Large windows are going in on the sides. A part of the sewing machines are now in position.
Mrs. Alexander from Brunswick, a representative of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed the Norway Methodists, Sunday evening. She is a pleasing speaker, and gave a fine sketch of the work of the society.
A. H. Bodkin tells us that oysters in the shell are proving a great attraction to the lovers of that toothsome bivalve. We had a taste of them, fresh from the ice and shucked just before eating, the other day. It is a long time since oysters have tasted so good to us before.
H. H. Burnham has something to clean up his silver this week. He removed the tarnish so quickly it is a pleasure to do it. This he calls "Lusteroid" and it is prepared by himself. Should it be "work as well" as that we tried we predict a nice little business from its manufacture and sale.
There is a piece of sidewalk on Main street below the Bassett lot that ought to be fixed so that people could walk over. If in no other way a few loads of sawdust would make an improvement. When it is muddy people have to go into the middle of the street on the railroad track to get around it. It is only a few rods but it covers a deal of trouble.
The entertainment at the Congregational circle, Tuesday evening, was very fine and was heartily applauded by the goodly audience. There were recitations by four little girls, Mildred Holmes, Geneva Barker, Hazel Faunce and Ethel Gayton; a pretty song and encore by little Nellie Hayden; a rousing song and encore by Master Harold Anderson; duo by Alice Horne and Alice Smith; trio by the maidens, H. L. Horne, solo and encore by Mrs. Kimball, and a duo by Mrs. Kimball and H. L. Horne.
SOUTH PARIS.
Dr. Rounds is confined to the house.
Carroll Curtis and wife have been visiting here.
James Ahern, of Auburn is visiting friends in town.
May Perkins, Eva Austin and Blanche Dean are clerking at Bowker's through the rush.
Guy Buck's lobster cactus in full bloom draws lots of attention from lovers of flowers.
Mrs. A. L. Sturtevant has a Chinese lily tree five days planted that is blossoming beautifully.
Thursday of last week, while harnessing a horse, George W. Stevens was thrown to the floor by a sudden start of the animal, and sustained a bad fracture of his left arm near the shoulder. Mr. Stevens is 80 years old and the injury is therefore very serious. He is now as comfortable as could be expected.
PORTER NEIGHBORHOOD.—Geo. Felton visited here, the 12th.
Albert Montgomery is at E. L. Porter's.
M. E. Cummings, who has been buying apples in the western states, is at home.
B. M. Greely had a hog run away into the woods on Thanksgiving morning, and he has not been seen or heard from since.
Jacob McKean has gone to Finland. He intends to return in the spring.
Mary and little Johnnie have moved into the house with Albert Felton.
PARIS HILL.
Mr. and Mrs. Harlow have commenced housekeeping in the Austin house.
Union exercises and tree at the Baptist church, Friday evening, Dec. 24.
Universalist circle, Tuesday evening of next week, instead of Friday, as usual. Please note this change of time.
Mrs. E. H. Jackson and Robert, who, since their return from Bath, have been at the Hubbard House, moved home, last week. Robert's health is greatly improved.

Christmas Displays.

You would know it to be a gala reason, by just walking through the business sections of Norway and villages and looking at the store windows. Some of the displays are striking enough to catch and hold the attention for a long time, and there is not one which the army of holiday shoppers fail to examine.
Norway Village.
A. Edwards & Son—Candy, etc.
H. J. Bangs—Lamps and crockery.
O. P. Brooks—Candy and stationery.
James Smith—Slippers and footwear generally.
E. F. Bicknell—Lamps, Christmas candy, etc.
Mrs. E. G. Skillings—A pretty lot of fancy goods.
Cyrene S. Tucker—Trunks and valises in profusion.
J. Waldo Nash—Window full of taxidermist work.
W. A. Bicknell—All the essentials for a big holiday dinner.
Smiley Shoe Store—Slippers, and everything else for the feet.
A. T. Bennett & Co.—Christmas candy and things for more solid food.
H. H. Burnham—Pretty display of silverware, jewelry and clocks.
C. N. Tubbs—Window display of blankets, hosiery, mittens and gloves.
C. W. Willey & Son—Candies and a variety of small articles for the house.
Oxford County Shoe Store—Both windows full of slippers and other good things for feet comfort.
Otto Schuener—Elegant wicker furniture, and a lot of the goods made by the Paris Manufacturing Co.
A. H. Bodkin—One window of candy artistically arranged, the other contains a display of doughnuts, pies, etc.
James O. Crooker—Skates for the children, household utensils for the women, tools for the men and knives for everybody.
L. I. Gilbert—Gilbert says he doesn't carry much for presents, but has a big stock of poultry and meats for a holiday dinner.
Hopkins' Candy Manufactory—A thousand pounds of broken candy made especially for Christmas trade and a lot of other candies.
Wm. C. Leavitt—One window contains a tree hung with scissors, knives, etc., while opposite are displayed skates and kitchen utensils.
Horace Cole—Silverware and jewelry crowd his room for display. Besides there is a good stock of clocks, watches and musical instruments.
V. W. Hills—A window full of silverware, clocks and bronzes. Within are more of the same goods and a large array of watches and jewelry.
C. F. Ridlon—Lamps and jardinières occupy prominent places in this store, carpet sweepers, hassocks, etc., are also shown especially for this season.
Thomas Smiley—Fred Cummings is at work on ornate window dressings as we go to press. The store contains large displays of handkerchiefs, cloaks, shawls, etc.
Mrs. V. W. Hills—A pretty window display with a fragrant and beautiful Chinese lily in bloom occupying the center. Around it are grouped handkerchiefs and fancy goods.
A. L. Sanborn & Co.—Shirts and gentlemen's furnishings in profusion, with large stacks of neckties and suspenders, caps, mufflers, gloves, mittens, hosiery, furs and other things to make warmth.
Hobbs Variety Store—Lamps and crockery and china goods, up nearly one-half of this, one of the largest stores in the place. In the rest are a great stock of kitchen utensils, toys, stationery goods, etc.
C. B. Cummings & Sons—Pictures, mirrors, furniture. Their store on upper Main street is crowded with those goods. George H. Cummings at their grain mill says that he doesn't know of any better present than a barrel of flour.
Blue Store—One window is filled with fluttering handkerchiefs; in the other are displayed umbrellas, shirts, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, gloves, etc., while the interior holds special Christmas exhibits of furs and furnishings goods.
S. B. & Z. Prince—A remarkably large lot of handkerchiefs, they showed us one with delicate lace that is worth six dollars; a great many small wares in silver and china, books for children and other people, cloaks, dress goods, and all other dry and fancy goods.
Mrs. A. J. Nevers—One window attracts the small boys with a display of toys for them and the other holds the little maidens' eyes by a great many dolls. Half of the store is taken up with crockery and glassware, and much of the rest with toys and games.
F. P. Stone—One window of glass medallions, the other of lovely things for the dressing case. At left of entrance are Bibles and albums. At the right the fine line of books for young and old. On one side are show cases filled with toilet cases and calendars, on the other with smokers' goods. Toys and games are farther down.
Noyes Drug Store—One window holds a lot of different attractions, the other is piled high with baskets. Inside, the walls and ceiling are covered up with holiday beauties. Books and albums, medallions and photograph frames, dolls and other toys, celluloid and leather cases, all sorts of toilet articles and knickknacks, go in and look at them.
H. B. Foster—One window has a base of fancy neckties, background of red, green and blue, and the top of bright-colored handkerchiefs. In the other are fancy handkerchiefs at the top, underwear and night-shirts at the side, background of blue hung with clothing and furnishings at the same level over the bottom except a border of gloves.
Merritt Welch—The left window is piled high with fancy baskets; the right is bordered with handkerchiefs and mufflers, and has in the center a flight of steps covered with fancy goods of all kinds. Lamps are hung in long lines in the store, and piles of furs, table covers and small wares are spread out for the holiday season.
South Paris Village.
J. A. Lambie—Lamps and lamp goods.

W. A. Porter—Smokers' goods and candy.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett—Handkerchiefs and lace.
J. P. Richardson—Cutlery, kitchen utensils, skates.
John Pierce—Jewelry, silverware, clocks and watches.
W. O. & G. W. Yrothingham—Slippers, trunks, valises.
F. A. Thayer—Furniture, with wicker goods occupying the place of honor.
Sturtevant's Drug Store—Both windows loaded with dolls and toys. Also goodly lots of books, fancy goods and medallions.
J. F. Plummer—Mr. Plummer's trade in clothing, furnishings and footwear affords a great variety of useful presents, and he has them all from head to foot.
V. Danun Bolester & Co.—Lamps large and small without shades or with wonderful shades. One side of the store is filled with those and crockery. Linens and gloves are goods that draw other good trade.
Shurtleff's Pharmacy—The light effect produced by a large number of various colored electric lamps calls lots of attention to the window displays. On one side they shine upon dolls, while the others illuminate celluloid and glass goods. Books and medallions galore and lots of other things fill the rest of the store.
C. W. Bowker—One window has a manly doll with her family and furniture. The rest of his window room is taken with books, fancy goods, pictures and linens. The posts fronting the doors and flanking center counter bear an arch of handkerchiefs. In the basement are lamps and crockery. Mrs. Bowker occupies a tasty yellow and white booth and serves dainty cups of cocoa to all.
WEST PARIS.
J. H. Barrows and wife of Bethel were at F. A. Young's, last Saturday.
Julia Bates and her sister, Mrs. Mitchell, have moved into their new residence.
West Paris Grange will elect their officers for the ensuing year, next Saturday, the 18.
Bertha Cushman of Bryant's Pond is clearing for W. G. Morton through the holiday rush.
Albert Spiller of Shelburne, N. H. is stopping with his sister, Mrs. E. R. Davis, and attending school here.
For Christmas goods visit Morton's stores at West Paris and Bryant's Pond and see the finest line in the county.
Mrs. Will Mooney favored our correspondent with a bunch of beautiful pantries picked from her garden, Dec. 19.
Ada Briggs and her school at Bryant's Pond left Tuesday, for Worcester, Mass., for a visit among relatives.
The Universalist Circle will meet at Dunham's Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 17. There will be an entertainment, after which there will be dancing.
Master Earle Adams had a very narrow escape, Saturday morning, from sliding into the mill pond, his sled coming astride of a slender iron rod was all that saved him, it being all open both sides of the rod.
Carroll Curtis and wife, recently of Bethel, Vt., are boarding at Frank Reed's. We understand that Mr. Curtis will work for his brother, W. J. Curtis, superintendent of the corn factory, at can making, the same as last season.
Erastus K. Cummings of this place died at his home, Dec. 9. Although he had been in poor health for some time, his last illness was brief. The funeral occurred at the house, Saturday, at one o'clock p. m., Rev. F. E. Wheeler officiating. He leaves a widow and three married daughters, Mrs. Flora Stoddard of Lewiston, Mrs. Fannie Scott of South Paris and Mrs. Annie Emerson of Auburn.
LOVELL.
Will Vance is cutting wood for N. H. Palmer.
Judge Stearns and family of Norway have been here, the past week.
Ira Heald is making quite extensive repairs and improvements on his mill.
Ella Harmon picked a full-blown pansy on A. R. Davis' lawn, Dec. 13. Next! They have over 100 acres of corn sown for the corn shop, with more to follow.
Warren Gammon has taken twenty-five cords of wood to cut, of Daniel McAllister.
Benjamin Russell, jr., is at Boston in the store of Stanton & Glover until after Christmas.
Parties from Lovell attended the sale of the Stevens real estate in Sweden and bought a part of it.
W. C. Bassett has a fine assortment of jewelry for Christmas presents at his jewelry store. See ad.
The North Fryeburg Dramatic Club presented the drama, "The Doctor," at the American House hall, Dec. 7. It was fine.
H. W. Palmer and wife and M. A. Charles and wife are attending the Dec. session of the York and Cumberland Christian Conference at Pine Point.
EAST OTISFIELD.
D. L. Holden has bought him a very fine horse.
Mrs. Salome Dingley is spinning for Mrs. John T. Brann.
Joseph P. Wright has gone to Casco to work for Peter Jordan.
Bert Edgcomb from Bridgton visited at M. V. B. Johnson's, last week.
Lydia Spurr, who has been very sick for a long time, is gaining slowly.
WEST BUCKFIELD.
Dan Emery is peddling fish and clams. Gus Mayhew went to Auburn, this week.
Thomas Bradbury went to Norway, Saturday.
Horatio Flagg and John are butchering this fall.
J. A. Warren and wife were at H. H. Buck's, Saturday.
Gus Mayhew played for a dance at Floyd Jordan's, last week.
C. D. Bradbury, wife and Mrs. Westcott have returned to Massachusetts.

BETHEL.

The mild weather is becoming detrimental to the lumbering interests in this section.
Edmund Holt writes that his throat trouble has disappeared since his arrival in Florida.
The mixed storm of Tuesday night left a couple of inches of solid snow and hail on the ground.
Mr. Woodard and family have moved into the George Haggood rent over Farwell & Flint's store.
The Bethel chorus is enjoying interesting rehearsals under the direction of Mrs. Gehring's baton.
The evening drawing school at Gould Academy, taught by W. Stanwood Field, contains 35 members.
The mumps and rash are subsiding and the schools receiving nearer their full number of students.
Arrangements have been made to heat the gymnasium at Gould Academy, and systematic gymnastic practice will be taken up by the students during the winter months.
Milton Penley, agent for the prevention of cruelty, informs us that he is often in receipt of letters concerning alleged cases of cruelty to animals, where the writers do not remember to sign their names. Although Mr. Penley does not intend to make any such names public, he cannot take notice of letters unless signed by reliable parties.
The idea of utilizing our tramp le is lately been taken up by our constable, H. C. Barker, and in consequence eight tramps have been taken before Trial Justice A. W. Grover since the eighth of December, and six of them are now in our county jail serving a sentence at hard labor for sixty to ninety days. Constable Barker has backers of authority in his movement and it will be thoroughly tested.
Calvin Bisbee is gaining.
William Holmes went to West Paris, last Friday.
R. W. Glidden has returned from Presque Isle.
Hon. A. E. Herriek has been laid up with his gripple.
Mrs. L. M. Valentine has been visiting relatives in Norway.
Miss True's music class will give a piano recital in Garland Chapel, Friday evening.
The Ladies' Club will hold their Christmas sale on Thursday evening of this week.
Martin A. Stowell has returned from South Paris where he has been working at his trade.
William J. Wheeler and Dea. C. E. Tolman of South Paris were in town on business, Saturday.
Rev. Alexander Hamilton attended the Methodist Ministers' Institute at Lewiston, last week.
Dr. J. G. Gehring attended the convention of the Maine Academy of Medicine and Science at Portland, last week.
There were sixty-three pupils at the opening of Gould Academy, last week. This number will probably be increased to seventy.
Christmas concert at the Universalist church, next Sunday evening. Fillmore's concert exercise, "Christmas Glory," will be given.
Jennie Gibson is singing at the Congregational church in Berlin. This choir is under the direction of Dr. H. W. Johnson, who is well known here.
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a temperance meeting in the Methodist church, next Sunday evening, Dec. 19. Rev. Alexander Hamilton will deliver the address.
Dec. 30th at Bethel Savings Bank are date and place appointed for organizing a corporation for furnishing electric light, heat and power in Bethel and vicinity. The incorporators are:
Enoch W. Woodbury, G. P. Bean, J. V. Partridge, G. R. Wiley, Geo. W. Foster, Enoch Foster, Ira C. Jordan, A. E. Herriek, N. F. Brown, J. L. Edwards, J. M. Philbrook, J. H. Barrows, C. D. Hill, G. A. Hastings, J. C. Billings, E. C. Bowler, Calvin Bisbee, E. C. Farwell, Ceylon Rowe, E. C. Rowe.
BUCKFIELD.
The Buckfield Literary Club met, Tuesday, with Mrs. Allie Cole.
Mrs. Sewall Glover of West Sumner has been calling on friends here, of late.
The Neziscot History Club met for the first time since the collapse of the epidemic, last Tuesday, with Mrs. Benj. Spaulding.
C. H. Prince of Turner shipped two deer to this depot, which he shot in Byron. One buck of about 200 lbs., they dragged about five miles. The other was a light weight.
Three deer were seen on the line of the railroad, Monday. One of our business men started in pursuit. Scouting a track, he was on his feet, "Have you seen three deer pass this way?" "No," says the man, "but I saw a man drive some hogs along."
Hon. A. P. Bonney has sold his farm to Nathan Morrill for \$1,200. This farm stands on the assessors' books at \$1,700. This farm was deeded from the original proprietors to James Bonney in 1789. James was the father of Albion P., hence it has been in the family more than a hundred years; and now it has passed to other hands. Mr. Bonney and wife will soon go to Auburn to live with a daughter, Mrs. Fred Keene.
A peculiar case: A few years since, Robinson Dean and Horace Morrill bought the stampage on a certain parcel of land, of Alden Keene in Sumner. A deed was executed, but never recorded. Horace Morrill died, and Chase E. Hatch was appointed administrator. Hatch purchased Mr. Dean's interest and this deed was recorded. Later on, Mr. Keene died, and the administrator of this estate deeded the farm without reserve to a Mr. Harris. As the time specified for cutting the same had not expired, Parsons and Morrill move to cut. Harris says "No, sir," and thereby hangs a tale.
J. A. Roberts and Rev. Caroline E. Angell are among the speakers at the State Grange at Augusta.
C. E. Fernald of Rumford Falls is the new apothecary from Oxford County, having passed the required examination by the state Board of Pharmacy.

EAST BROWNFIELD.
Fred Stickney took a trip to Portland on Saturday last.
The recent warm weather has removed every vestige of snow.
Charles Spring has taken the agency for Otis & Crocker's fertilizers.
Charles Adams and E. Sands are sawing poplar for Gatchell & Harmon.
Mrs. Florence Mansfield is going to her old home in Rhode Island for a visit of several weeks.
Wm. H. Stickney's horse, "Lill," was killed, a few days ago, being nearly twenty-five years old.
Irwin Giles recently spent a few days at home but has returned to Saco where he is attending school.
Mrs. Addie McDonald has returned to her school at Conway. Mr. McDonald is detained on account of sickness, but hopes to be able to go in a few days.
L. R. Giles' clothing store has been moved from L. Bradbury's store to J. R. Hills', the post-office now occupies its old place in the same building.
Fred Wakefield killed two deer, a few days ago, on the meadow near where George Bradbury used to live. Howard Wakefield killed one a few days later near the same place.
KEZAR FALLS.
Business is good and the Christmas trade rushing as usual.
The Knights of Pythias have purchased from J. A. Libby the store under their hall and the lot adjoining.
William Mason, son of George Mason, has bought the Eben Foss farm, situated two miles from the village, and will move on it some time next spring.
There have been upwards of fifty cases of measles within a radius of one-half mile, but the indications are they are dying out for want of new victims.
Mrs. Lydia Stanley has purchased Eugene Stanley's house in South Hiram, and will take possession as soon as Mr. Stanley moves into his new house which is now almost ready for occupancy.
Ossipee Lodge, No. 40, Knights of Pythias, celebrated their 15th anniversary in Meadon Hall on the evening of Dec. 7th. The Knights found a most able exponent in their Past Grand Prelate, Rev. C. Everett Bean of Stroudwater, whose remarkably fine address was followed with readings by Agnes Safford of Portland. Supper and a dance closed up the entertainment which was well attended, considering the state of the weather and the measles.
GROVER HILL.
"There's an Old Year going, going
Away in the December dreat;
His beard is like snow,
And his footsteps are slow:
Good-by to you, weary Old Year!"
We learn that Fred Oldway is quite sick.
Sewell Lyons is at work for A. J. Peaslee.
We learn that Chas. Murphy has traded horses.
C. F. Reed of Hartford was in town, last week.
Gus L. Grover was at Leander Grover's a short time since.
We learn that Miss A. M. Russell has joined the Bethel chorus.
D. E. Mills run lines for E. S. Kilborn and W. M. Brown, Monday.
Walter Browne and sons have finished cutting birch for this season.
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Haynes visited friends in Rumford, last week.
Mrs. Olive Grover has quite a troublesome cough at the present time.
School here is progressing finely under the instruction of Miss A. M. Russell.
Mrs. Clara Abbott and Mrs. Effie Anderson and son were in this place one day last week.
NORWAY CENTER.
Miss E. A. Green is home from Merrimac, where she has been all the fall.
Herbert Hobbs has sold his gray horses to W. C. Hobbs and bought "Old Dan," which he has now sold to Paul Howe.
Wednesday, Dec. 22, the ladies' sewing circle will meet at Maplecroft with Mrs. W. C. Hobbs. A large attendance is hoped for particularly by one who has been away from us for some time but hopes to be present to meet old friends.
D. A. Watson has shingled some of his buildings, besides putting in a new pump. E. A. Foster also has a new pump. "This is the wise ones that look after these things now the weather is warm. There is not much fun in drawing water with bucket and pole to water a large herd of cows when the thermometer is down below zero."
The past year, M. G. Richardson has slaughtered and sold sixteen thousand pounds of pork, one hundred lambs, besides many real calves. He has driven five and six miles to market, through heat and cold, yet suffering such bodily pain much of the time as would make many a mortal feel that they could not even ride that distance. If any one knows of another man or woman as smart, let us hear of them for it does us good to read about such energetic people.
WEST LOVELL.
Alexander Laroque is at work for Daniel McAllister of the village, cutting cord wood.
Bennett and Smith of Stow moved into John A. Fox's camp on the Mason place and will cut timber for his mill.
The scholars of the Foxboro district will give an entertainment in connection with a Christmas tree at their schoolhouse, Saturday evening, Dec. 25th.
G. W. Andrews has been fishing a good deal lately, catching some fine ones. Of this your correspondent can testify as we were presented with a fine string of pickers.
OXFORD.
ALLEN HILL.—Elsie Bowser is quite sick with a cold at present.
Mrs. John Crockett has been quite sick for a week past.
John E. Odway and Bert Yeaton are at work at Harrison for J. C. Saunders.
Mr. and Mrs. David Morse, who have been stopping with her sister for a few months past, have returned to their home in Oxford.
The meeting held at the schoolhouse, last Friday evening, was largely attended there being about fifty present. There will be another meeting, this Friday evening at 7.30.
Mrs. F. J. Hall and son Charlie are on the sick list.
The advent society of this place is talking of a new chapel in the near future.
Edward Fuller, Clifton Ames and Mr. Kittredge of Glen, N. H., have returned home from their hunting expedition.

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STATE OF MAINE.
Taken on execution, and will be sold by public auction on the eighth day of January, A. D. 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of Kimball & Son, in Norway in said county, all the right in equity which Melroy & Cummings of Paris in said county, has to redeem the following described mortgaged real estate, situated in said Paris, to wit, a certain lot or parcel of land, situated in Paris, and being the homestead farm deeded to said Cummings by Josiah Stone of said Paris by his deed dated May 23d, A. D. 1886, and recorded in Oxford Records, Book 242, Page 221.

THADDEUS CROSS, Deputy Sheriff.
Nov. 30, 1897.

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GILBEAD.

J. W. Kimball's health is a good deal improved.
Mrs. Goodwin Cole shot a deer while hunting. The deer weighed dressed one hundred and twenty-five pounds. The deer was about eighteen rods from her when she fired at it. She got it home herself, a distance of two and a quarter miles.
J. W. Bennett expects to have three hundred cords of birch at the Wight mill and from ten to twelve hundred cords of birch at his village mill. He estimates that five to six hundred cords of hard wood will be made into sugar shooks. He expects to have from five to six hundred cords of cord wood. His twenty-five or thirty horses will have a chance to work.

The Portland Daily Press is better than ever. It contains all the news and is firmly Republican. The Maine State Press is the weekly edition and the Times the Sunday. The daily is \$6.00 per year, while the weekly and Sunday paper is \$2.00 per year. See prospectus.

Case of Charles F. Wight.

N. C. Pinkham of Bolster's Mills writes to the Press:—

Will you kindly allow me space to correct some of the misstatements in regard to the vagrancy case of Charles F. Wight of Otisfield, that I furnished material for several sensational stories in the papers for the last week about the abuse of an old soldier? In the first place he is only a soldier by courtesy, being a member of Capt. Samuel C. Wardwell's Company, that the Adjutant General's report of 1893, pages 179 and 283, says were never finally mustered into the United States service. Enlisting after the war was known to be over, they played soldier at Augusta for a few weeks and returned home, covered with glory and honor.

Mr. Wight has been living in idleness at the expense of the town of Otisfield for the last three years, costing the town during that time, "to say nothing of fourteen months' board at the town farm," the nice little sum of \$484.06, not including the expense of his last pleasure trip to Aroostook county.

The only time that Wight has spent at the town farm has been by his own consent, and the town has always been ready to furnish him with a good boarding place among respectable people, only reserving to themselves the right to say where it should be.

On the 11th of last June, one of the selectmen carried Wight to Norway to get him some clothes. A dispute arose and Wight declared that he should not come back, but would take care of himself. On the 14th of the same month notice was received from the overseers of Paris that Wight had called for help and was boarding at the Grand Truck hotel at South Paris. On the 16th he was brought to Otisfield and board hired for him at the house of Oliver Small at South Otisfield. He stayed five days, until the 21st, when he left and went to the house of J. F. Scribner, who notified the town to remove him or pay his board.

He was returned to Small's on the 22nd, and left again the 23rd and not fled the town as he would take care of himself. About the 9th of July, the town received notice that Wight was at Springfield, Penobscot county, and had called for assistance. The selectmen brought Wight to Otisfield, where he was procured and he was tried on the charge of vagrancy, sentenced to 90 days in Portland jail. He was heard to say that the town would have farther to go to find him, next time.

As the time drew near for Wight's sentence to expire, arrangements were made with sheriff Plummer to furnish Wight with free transportation to Otisfield, but he declined to receive it and immediately started for Houlton, where he called for help on the morning of his arrival. Notice was sent to Otisfield, and the selectmen, feeling that forbearance had ceased to be a virtue, procured a warrant and deputy Skillings was directed to bring Wight to Otisfield, which he did, and Wight was brought before justice court and again sentenced to jail.

At the trial he refused the assistance of counsel that was assigned him, and entered an appeal, but failed to pay the necessary fee or to furnish bonds, and was committed to jail.

Wight's record is pretty well known in Cumberland county, he having served several terms in the Portland jail, one of thirteen months for resisting officers, and other offences, and the taxpayers of Otisfield are feeling that if a service like Wight's in the army gives a man a right to commit almost any crime, and receive only sympathy, or if there is no limit to the trouble and expense that the town may suffer, they may as well know it first as last.

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Stranger Than Fiction.

A young man who is well known about town is exceedingly fond of pumpkin pies, and avers that the best ever made were the molasses-sweetened ones which his grandmother used to bake in the brick oven. He never but once got an opportunity to satisfy his appetite in that direction. When visiting at the old home, one fall, his parents asked him to take charge of the house and premises while they went away for twenty-four hours.

He hunted around and found in the pantry a three-gallon stone jar full of stewed pumpkin. That he proceeded to put through a colander, and the amount was then found to be appalling. The old upright churn holding half a barrel was brought into use and with the dasher proved a satisfactory means of mixing pumpkin, milk, sugar and spice. Every plate available was lined with crust and he kept the stove humming to the baking for twelve solid hours. Apples, tin cans and all other possible dishes were loaded up with pumpkin pies. The pies proved toothsome, and he ate all he wanted, but his mother wasn't thankful because he had saved the labor of making a houseful of pumpkin pies.

The same man—he is a bachelor—once "tended baby." His cousin and wife trusted their three-year-old boy to his care while they went to her mother's funeral. As he tells about the experience: "I don't believe that the young-one's mother was much more grief-stricken at her bereavement than I at the burden which she put upon my shoulders at noon. The only things that child didn't either ask for or help himself to were things out of his sight and knowledge. He yelled at every refusal and would not be contented with what I let him have. More than three hours I was kept busy keeping him out of mischief that I couldn't look at the weather to see if I might go fishing, the next day. At last a box of bootblackening proved a possible diversion. He liked it from his first grasp. I got a big braided rug that had passed middle age, put it in the center of the room and the child with the blacking in the midst of the rug. It was a success for more than half an hour, and then I caught sight of it. He was whose return I was anxiously watching. I got into rubbers, overcoat and hat and met him at the door, said 'good night' and departed."

A little boy got in the very bad habit of begging people for candy. This grieved his good mother very much for she gave him as much candy as she thought it well for his health. She was talking to him about it one day and telling him what an ungentlemanly thing it was to beg.

"Isn't it a good thing to beg, mama?" asked the boy.

"No."

"Then why do everything good be begged for?"

"Can't I have one cigarette, mama?" asked a little boy some five years old.

"No."

"Don't ever think of such a thing."

"Is it bad to smoke cigarettes, mama?"

"Yes, it is bad for your health, and it takes a good deal of time and money. The use of tobacco is a dirty habit."

"But, mama, mama, mama. Why can't I smoke? I want to be like papa. When I get big I'll swear and drink too. What's the matter, mama? Don't cry, mama. Don't you want me to be like papa?"

Household Gods.
The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. These were personified household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried in a century and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at the A. O. Noyes & Co. Drug Store, Norway, and F. S. Shurtleff, South Paris. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Bartlett, N. H., News.
John Merseureau is confined to his home on account of sickness.
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Carrier are visiting the former's parents in Lunenburg. Jennie Bates has secured the services of Miss Curtis as her milliner.
Eva Connors has returned from Cornish where she has been visiting.
Mr. and Mrs. Pratt of Jackson, N. H., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Frink, Sunday.

The saw mill started up again, last Tuesday, as the Saco Valley R. R. is in working order again and logs are arriving daily.

James Mitchell of Crawford Notch was in town recently and was the guest of George Knowles.

We are glad to report that the Christian work is still progressing in our village. Five persons were baptized by the Rev. J. R. Horne, Jr., and united with the parish church, Sunday, Nov. 7. They were J. W. Stanton and his daughter, Sarah Stanton, Mrs. George Morrison, Sarah Walls, Myrtle Stillings.

George S. Staples is in charge of Fred Garland's store. Mr. and Mrs. Garland are visiting friends in Boston, Lowell and Lawrence.

Episcopal services were held, last Friday afternoon, at the home of Annette Meserve, R. R. Wm. Greeves officiating. A large number were present.

Oscar Blackburn, who recently secured a situation as brakeman on the Maine Central R. R. had the misfortune to lose one finger and half of another badly crushed, at South Windham. He was taken to the Maine General Hospital at Portland.

The church sociable which was held, Monday evening, in the basement of the Parish church was successful in every respect, about 75 being present. Singing and games of different kinds were indulged in, after which refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

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There was an error, last week, in the program to be given at the Episcopal fair. Mrs. Frank Kimball and not her husband will sing Don Munio.

The Buster.

You have known him, you can spot him. By his pomposity and vim, For he's always on his knowledge, don't-cher see?
He will often quote effusions From the sacred wise conclusions; In wisdom he's abounding, yes-er-ee.
He can give you points in classics,— Oh, how cute and snappy, to be sure.
"I am never caught in a snappin', to be sure." He can give you points in ethics, Along with cyclopedics. He's the Atlas of this wide world to endure.

He is ever a lymphatic, On the score of hydrostatics, As well as the anatomic, don't-cher know? He's a quack, if not a critic; As judge he is more capricious. In summing up his verdict, here below.

No poor illiterate beggar, Who deems it a proper caper To revel in knock-kneed poetry, galore, With this little buster, I assure.

With unbounded politeness, luster, Forgive we erring mortals any more. He is averse to the rampage, To gain some great advantage.

With his astronomic knowledge of the moon, Yes, you must have heard him singin', While now the welkin's ringin', "A buster from away back" is the tune. Goodnight, Me.

Case of Charles F. Wight.
N. C. Pinkham of Bolster's Mills writes to the Press:—

Will you kindly allow me space to correct some of the misstatements in regard to the vagrancy case of Charles F. Wight of Otisfield, that I furnished material for several sensational stories in the papers for the last week about the abuse of an old soldier? In the first place he is only a soldier by courtesy, being a member of Capt. Samuel C. Wardwell's Company, that

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Jan. 5—Blauvelt Concert, Norway Opera House.

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Crooked River Grange of Bolster's Mills are getting up a very interesting program for their meetings for the coming year.

Henry E. Pingree, formerly of Denmark, has lately been appointed chief engineer of Light Ship No. 99, Light House Department, 45 miles from Nantucket, on South Shoals.

Four cars left the track and went over the embankment at Rumford Falls between the sulphite and chemical mills Monday. The shifter was backing the cars. They were soon righted. Mel Cole, who was on the cars, jumped and sprained his ankle.

NORTH WATERFORD.

The Current Event Club are to give a course of five entertainments at the church, North Waterford.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 4—Prof. Menander Bennett, Lewiston, Me., humorist, elocutionist and impersonator.

Monday evening, Jan. 24—An Evening at Home with Rev. Rollin T. Hack of Portland, a patriotic lecture.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 8—Lecture, subject, Builders, by Rev. S. Ridout of Norway; also Ella Louise Hill of North Bridgton, reader.

Tuesday evening, March 1—Books and Reading, by W. B. Mitchell, Bowdoin College; also Susan May Walker of Fryeburg, elocutionist.

Monday evening, March 14—Woman's Wit and Wisdom, lecture by Rev. Martyn Summerbell of Lewiston.

Music, both vocal and instrumental, will be added to the program.

SNOW'S FALLS.

G. A. Jackson is suffering severely with sciatica.

Will Gatz went up the line, the first of the week, in pursuit of the first of the week, in pursuit of the first of the week.

B. C. Curtis is lumbering on the Penham lot. Vernal Walton is at work for him.

Mrs. Vernal Walton and baby are visiting her father, Nelson Jackson of Greenwood.

Fred J. Wood did some surveying for Messrs. Abbott and Ellingwood in the Partridge district, last week.

Fred Frank, who has lived at G. A. Jackson's, for the past two years, went to Haverhill, Mass., last week, where his mother resides.

ANDOVER.

Tom French has his house ready for the mason.

Most every one seems to be suffering from bad colds.

The Ladies' Circle meets with Alice Poor, this week.

R. L. Melcher is building a new ice house for himself.

Warren Marston was badly hurt by falling from a ladder, a few days ago.

Mrs. Samuel Akers is visiting her sons in Boston. She will be gone six or eight weeks.

Rev. Ephraim Cummings.

Rev. Ephraim Cummings, who has been seriously ill for some time past with valvular disease of the heart, died at his residence on Park street, Portland, at 12 p. m. Dec. 14.

Rev. Ephraim Chamberlain Cummings was born in Albany, September 2, 1825. His father was Francis Cummings, an enterprising business man of Oxford County. His mother was Lois Chamberlain, daughter of Deacon Ephraim Chamberlain of Waterford, a soldier of the Revolution.

Mr. Cummings' paternal grandfather was Asa Cummings, a pioneer of Albany, veteran of the Revolution, deacon of the Congregational church and town clerk for many years.

Rev. E. C. Cummings left home at the age of thirteen years and went to live in Portland with his uncle, Dr. Asa Cummings, editor of the Christian Mirror.

He attended the North Yarmouth Academy while preparing for college and in 1841, at the age of 16 years, entered at Bowdoin in the class of '44. His health failing, it was deemed best that he should not continue there. The next eight years was a period of irregular work and study, and alternating residence between Portland and his home.

In 1849 he again entered Bowdoin College, and after graduating in the class of '53 became a teacher during that fall and winter in the Bucksport academy.

The next summer he taught the Augusta High school, and in the year 1855 was a tutor of Latin and mathematics at Bowdoin.

He entered the Bangor Theological Seminary in the same year that he was a tutor and graduated in 1858. His earliest pastorate was that of the First Congregational church of Brewer. From there in 1860, he removed to St. Johnsbury, Vt., and became pastor of the North Congregational church. In 1862-'63 he served as chaplain of the 15th Vermont. He was several years in Europe.

In 1871 he went to Portland where he has since resided. In '72-3 he filled the chair of mental and moral science at Brunswick.

He published a number of books among which are "Birth and Baptism," "Nature of Scriptures," "The Great Question, or Twelve Lessons in the Faith." He was president of the Maine Historical Society in 1894.

In 1886 he married Annie Louise Pomeroy of Portland.

WEST SUMMER.

Eva L. Doble has returned home from Paris.

There is to be a Baptist circle, here in the village, Dec. 18.

M. Baber of Summer is teaching school in the Doble district.

Mrs. Maria Glover has been visiting in Lewiston for a couple of weeks.

Bessie Burgess has gone to Augusta to stop awhile with her sister, Mrs. Beal.

We hear a Union Christmas tree has been talked of, but have not learned the decision.

There was a Universalist circle in the vestry, Dec. 10, and there will be another, the 23d.

Henry Young went to Livermore, his former home, recently. He has also been to Buckfield.

Ada D. Heath went to Buckfield, last Sunday, to stop awhile with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Lunt.

For Christmas goods visit Morton's stores at West Paris and Bryant's Pond and see the finest line in the county.

Our scholars had word, Monday morning, that their teacher, Maud Heald, was sick and there was no school, that day.

It commenced again, Tuesday morning, with Wilson Ryerson teacher, who will finish the term.

EAST WATERFORD.

WATERFORD PLAINS.—E. C. Rogers has hired out for the winter, cutting lumber on a lot here on the Plains. His family have moved into the house with A. L. Tyler.

Mrs. Nellie Rogers has been having a very severe cold, the past week.

Mr. Russell, a South Paris man, has a crew of men in a camp near Marshall Giles', cutting timber.

Joseph A. Tyler and Lizzie R. Shedd were joined in marriage, Nov. 25, after being drifted apart for twenty years.—Just twenty years ago, this month, since he last met her.

We think it rather singular that she did not know how they came together.

But one day he got to thinking of this girl of yore, and he started out to find her, as he did before.

When he reached her cottage, she did not know him.

If it could be possible that this was her old time beau, as they had done their courting, twenty years ago.

They thought it was no use waiting, so every one would know.

So they popped the question quickly, as she sat there by his side, and she gave the time promise she would be his bride.

So they were united.

Upon Thanksgiving Day, they had their wedding and rice, as they got their way.

May their lives be long and prosperous in their wedded state.

May they find peace and happiness in the cottage by the lake.

GILEAD.

They have been sawing a carload of paint brush handles at J. W. Bennett's mill.

Ellsworth Cole shot his first deer on the same day.

Burton Harriman of Gorham has moved into town with his family. He is at Lemuel Wheeler's.

The Mountain Hills have finished the fir sofa pillows ordered. They have already been sent to their proper destination.

The school in A. D. Wright's district, which, owing to the illness of the teacher, was for a time suspended, commenced again, Dec. 7.

Mrs. John E. Richardson received, Dec. 9, a fine sewing machine, the new Victor, a Christmas present from her parents in Portland.

COUNTING OUT.

How the Rhymes Vary in Different Localities.

Counting out rhymes vary in different parts of the country. A short form when I was a boy in New England was most common. It was this:

Eggs, cheese, butter, bread,
Stick, stock, stone dead.
Here is one that is common in some parts of England:

Keeper, keeper, chimney sweeper,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her,
Had another, didn't love her.
Out goes she.

Nancy Nancy lived in a well,
Brewed good ale for gentlemen.
Gentlemen came every day,
So Nancy Nancy hopped away.

Ichety, pickety, ples-a-rickey,
Pomplourm jig.
Every man that has no hair—
Generally wears a wig.

Out goes she.
With a rotten Totten dish out,
Boys and girls are always pushed out.

Tie, tac, too,
Balla my first go.
If I miss that,
I'm sure to take this.

In Florida this form is current:
One zol, two zol, zig zol, zam,
Bobtail, bobtail, ticktail tam,
Mayrum, scayrum, moojum, mayum,
France.

Apples and oranges, two for a penny.
It takes a good scholar to count so many.
Out goes she.

Here are forms that are used in Kansas:

Onery, twory, turkey, seven,
Eckob, eckob, eckob, seven,
Trio, train, must go ham,
Trideum, trideum, twenty-one.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven,
All good people go to heaven.

Monkey, monkey, bottle of beer,
How many monkeys are there here?
One, two, three, out goes he.

These are often used in Canada:
Dickerm, dickerm, dickerm;
Dick slow, allegor slow;
Fulker, Fulker, Peter's gun—
Francis out.

Igging, ogging, box of gold—
In my head seven years old.
I nched him, I pinched him,
I made his back smart.
If I ever get out,
I'll tear out his heart.

HENRY DAY.

Two Leading Southern Types.

The two leading types of southern population are plainly the Virginian and the South Carolinian of the tide-water. For this fact there are both historical and physiographic reasons.

Virginia was the first of the South Carolina the second southern colony to be settled by well to do Englishmen who desired to found permanent homes. The introduction of slavery and its application to staple crops specifically gave an aristocratic tone to society in both provinces, but between them, in North Carolina, and to the south of them, in Georgia, there were fewer wealthy settlers and no staple crops to speak of, so that from the first society in these provinces was more or less democratic in spite of slavery.

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Drowned in the Sea.

Four young men started from New York for England in the steamer John Englis, Monday. They were on their way to W. H. Haynes', South Waterford.

The party consisted of Edgar Chappell, Frank Swackhammer, an uncle of the two brothers, W. Gordon Williams and Harry B. Williams. Harry was sick on the boat. He went on deck at about half past five, was sick to his stomach and leaned over the rail. The steamer gave a lurch and he lost his balance and fell headlong into the water. The boat was stopped, search made and everything possible done to save his life but to no avail.

W. Gordon Williams, his brother, said: "Our home is in Plainfield, N. J., where I am practicing law. My brother has been studying law in my office for a time past although he was previously engaged in journalism. Our present trip to Maine was for business and pleasure combined."

"It was here, last October, on a wedding tour and while gunning in the vicinity of South Waterford I discovered a large vein of mica. On my return to Plainfield I mentioned this matter to my brother and Mr. Chappell and Mr. Swackhammer, and we all thought it would be a good plan to investigate it. A little over a week ago we each contributed \$50 apiece to defray the expenses of a trip to South Waterford, and besides looking into the extent of the mica vein, we also intended to do a little gunning."

EAST BETHEL.
Mattie Tracy will spend Xmas week at her home in this place.

Z. W. Bartlett went to Berlin, N. H., last Saturday, and returned, Monday.

Hester Kimball and Ormie Farwell are attending school at Gould's Academy.

School is again in session under the instructions of J. S. Hutchins, a former teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wright have returned to Bethel, where Mrs. Wright will spend the winter.

George Hastings has a handsome pair of elk horns sent him from Montana by his uncle, D. S. Hastings. They weigh twenty pounds and are four feet eight and one-half inches long.

WILSON'S MILLS.
N. K. Bennett has been to Bethel. J. C. and R. S. Bean killed three hogs weighing about 300 each.

E. S. Bennett has a nice sleigh, but since the last thaw wagons are out again.

James Brown and Chris Reed of Grafton have been at work with H. G. Bennett on the Abbott brook.

Our teacher, Addie Flint, is on the sick list with a very sore throat, so there has been no school, the past week.

Rev. S. S. York held services at the schoolhouse, Sunday afternoon. Owing to the storm and consequent bad going but few were out.

James Turner moved his family into the woods below here, the past week. Mrs. Turner will cook for the crew he operates on College Grant.

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106 Main Street,

WATERFORD.

Ceylon Russell went to Bethel, last Saturday, to stop for the winter.
Joel S. Plummer, who broke his leg some time ago, is so he sits up some.
The installation of the Masonic bodies in this place will be private, this year.
Gertrude Hamblen of Bridgton was at Joel Plummer's last week for a few days.
Miss C. H. Knight is in Boston caring for her sister, Mrs. Baker, who is suffering from the result of a fall.
We are glad to learn that the R. A. Chapter at Bridgton elected Wm. Douglass, H. P., at their annual meeting.
Bro. Douglass makes one of the best presiding officers.
In last week's items please read that concerning the D. D. G. Master of the 10th Masonic Dist. in connection with the annual meeting of Mt. Tim Lodge. As it was printed it showed the earnings of the printer's devil.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Engene Johnson and wife have moved to Cape Monday for the winter.
Uncle John Hartford has made his daughter in Portland a week's visit.
Jim Thompson and John Hartford are cutting wood for Herman Thompson.
James Lakin has swapped one of his horses with Mell Merrow for a new wagon.
Mrs. Samuel Strout and son of Webb's Mills were the guests of Bela Strout, last Sunday.
Clara Spaulding has returned home from a two weeks visit to her sister in Salmon Falls, N. H.
Herman Thompson recently killed two last spring pigs and when dressed they tipped the scales at 640 lbs. Who next?
School began, Monday, Dec. 6, under the instruction of George Morrison of Auburn. Same teacher in the Lewis district as last fall.
It is very warm and some muddy for this time of the year. A few are very anxious for snow as they have quite a lot of teaming to do.
Speaking of large hogs, as well as pigs, Gardner Wiley just over the line in the edge of Naples lately killed a hog 18 months old that weighed when dressed 89 pounds.
John Johnson, who moved, this fall, to Bridgton for the winter, has moved back on his farm again. He has bought a pair of steers and is going to buy a pair of oxen.

NORTH BRIDGTON.

Mrs. A. A. Bruce is quite ill.
Linda Monk is at work in the coat shop at Harrison.
Eudora W. Gould has resumed her school at Sandy Creek.
Winnie Martin spent several days with friends in Norway recently.
James McAloney, who has been sick for several months, is now very low.
David Merrill and wife have moved into the house of Mrs. Esther Hazen.
Our village school commenced, Monday, under the continued instruction of Jennie Simpson.
Edward G. Tarr started on his return trip to Virginia, last Wednesday. Bert Hill accompanied him.
Carrie Kimball is spending a portion of her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Virgil Johnson in North Norway.
Mrs. C. P. Pingree of Albany was at W. H. Foster's, last week. Her brother Arch, who has been at her home since September, returned with her to his home here.
After several months of failing health, David Hazen died at his home, Saturday, Dec. 4. Mr. Hazen was nearly a life long resident of this village. He was the son of the well-known Jacob Hazen and by his death but five of a family of eight children survive—Mrs. Byron Kimball and Nathan of North Bridgton, George of Oxford, Frank, who resides in Massachusetts, and Lewis, who is a physician in Vermont. Mr. Hazen also leaves a widow.
The frost has thawed out and the going is just awful.
Eimer Berry threshed Austin Wentworth's oats, Friday.
Henry Warren has traded his noted Jersey cow to A. H. Witham.
Erastus Deering of East Denmark called on A. H. Witham and J. Bennett, Saturday.
Raney Bean and family moved to Newfield, a week ago, where he has a job for the winter.
Will Pickett and wife have finished work at South Windham and returned home, Wednesday of last week.
Our high school takes a vacation, this week. It was taught by Mr. Kneeland of Lovell, who has taught a very excellent term. He is liked very much and is hired for the year.
Elias Witham and wife of Bridgton visited A. H. Witham, and other relatives in town, last week. A. H. Witham has been on the sick list, the past week, with a hard cold.
Samuel Harnden, a life long resident of Denmark, died at Westbrook, Dec. 6, aged 74 years. A few weeks ago he went to Westbrook to stop with his children there. We understand he had a stroke of paralysis from which he did not recover. In the death of Mr. Harnden Denmark has lost one of her truest and most faithful christian men. In 1857, under the labors of Rev. Paschal E. Brown, Mr. Harnden became converted to God, and at once entered into an active christian life, and from that time on of his life salvation was the great theme of his conversation and life, and he was emphatically a happy man. His wife, who was converted at the same time, passed to her reward several years ago. Denmark will long and happily remember Samuel Harnden.

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Eimer Berry threshed Austin Wentworth's oats, Friday.
Henry Warren has traded his noted Jersey cow to A. H. Witham.
Erastus Deering of East Denmark called on A. H. Witham and J. Bennett, Saturday.
Raney Bean and family moved to Newfield, a week ago, where he has a job for the winter.
Will Pickett and wife have finished work at South Windham and returned home, Wednesday of last week.
Our high school takes a vacation, this week. It was taught by Mr. Kneeland of Lovell, who has taught a very excellent term. He is liked very much and is hired for the year.
Elias Witham and wife of Bridgton visited A. H. Witham, and other relatives in town, last week. A. H. Witham has been on the sick list, the past week, with a hard cold.
Samuel Harnden, a life long resident of Denmark, died at Westbrook, Dec. 6, aged 74 years. A few weeks ago he went to Westbrook to stop with his children there. We understand he had a stroke of paralysis from which he did not recover. In the death of Mr. Harnden Denmark has lost one of her truest and most faithful christian men. In 1857, under the labors of Rev. Paschal E. Brown, Mr. Harnden became converted to God, and at once entered into an active christian life, and from that time on of his life salvation was the great theme of his conversation and life, and he was emphatically a happy man. His wife, who was converted at the same time, passed to her reward several years ago. Denmark will long and happily remember Samuel Harnden.

ALBANY.

W. B. Cummings and Abel Andrews are deer hunting in the vicinity of Cold river in Stow.
Archibut Wibur is at home from Bartlett, N. H., where he has been since the first of last May.
A. S. Cole is at home for a few days from a trip through Rumford, Andover and adjacent towns.
Amos L. Bean, Earl Barker and Chas. Merton are at work in the woods at Middle Intervale, Bethel.

NORTH PARIS.

Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Mrs. Mary Sewall of Sumner was at E. E. Field's, Dec. 3.
A. D. Littlehale is at work for F. L. Barrett, packing apples.
Will Andrews and wife were at Mrs. Diantha Fuller's, Dec. 12.
Dan Emery has been through here, selling fresh fish, clams, etc.
We understand that Mr. Hill is to move away from the Perkins farm.
Mrs. Fidelia Starbird is visiting in Haverhill, Mass., with her daughters.
This is poor weather for lumbermen but is most excellent in other respects.
Mrs. America Andrews went to Portland, Dec. 11, to visit her son, for a week or two.
Mr. Wheeler, who represents the Bowker Fertilizer Co., was at E. E. Field's, Dec. 11.
James Suckles has been threshing the grain in this vicinity. Edson Whitman assisted him.
The Methodist Society held a circle at America Andrews, Dec. 9, and had as usual a good time.
Hay seems to be a drug here with quite an amount to sell. E. E. Field having a barn full of hay to sell.

Mrs. Loretta Crawford has been to Portland, a few days, visiting her sister. She returned home, last week.
The directors of the Prentiss Library Association are to meet at W. E. Curtis', Dec. 24, to choose a clerk.
The Baptist society had a hulled corn supper at the schoolhouse, Dec. 3, and it is safe to say enjoyed a good time.
For Christmas goods visit Morton's stores at West Paris and Bryant's Pond and see the finest line in the county.
Everett Robbins, wife and children and his mother have been on a three days' visit to Franklin Plantation and Peru, among relatives.
Mrs. Diantha Fuller has returned home. Her sister, Mrs. Nancy Morse, has moved her goods back into Mrs. Fuller's house and will live with her. Merritt Damon brought them both from Sumner and moved the goods.
West Paris Grange is to elect its officers, Dec. 18. In the afternoon at the usual hour, 1.30. The Grange is to have a literary contest, commencing in January and running three months. Sisters Sarah Curtis and Jennie Lurvey are the leaders in the contest.
Charles Marshall was chosen as a delegate to the meeting of the County Commissioners, Dec. 31, to urge upon them the building of a stone yard at the county jail. Each subordinate Grange in Oxford County sends one delegate and the Pomona Grange sends three.

SWEDEN.

Alley Garrot of Portland is in town.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Flint are improving slowly.
Geo. M. Bennett went to Bartlett, N. H., the past week.
Mrs. Albert Brown is convalescing from her recent illness.
Mae King and Mary Woodbury are at home from Fryeburg Academy.
Chas. Brackett shot a deer near Stearns' pond, Thursday, Dec. 2d.
Ernest S. Bennett is cutting birch on the Wentworth lot, employing C. H. Spears.
Anne B. Perry who has been at home for a few days returned to South Waterford, Thursday.
Jesse Ridlon has moved into the Chute house and is cutting birch for R. O. Moulton. He employs two Frenchmen.
Erving Maxwell, who has been the past year at the Industrial School, Lancaster, Mass., is spending his vacation at home.
Mrs. I. S. Richardson went to the funeral services of her step-father, Caleb Hazelden of Albany, also Chas. H. Spears and wife.
Howard Morrison's crew of men and M. E. Perry repaired their logging road, from Black brook to the foot of Ben Knight's hill.
Bert and Wirt Eastman of Fryeburg, have built camps near the Frye Stevens timber, which they are to cut and haul to Kezar river, this season.
A little daughter came to the home of Sidney Gray, Friday, Nov. 26. They have the congratulations of their friends here. Minnie Brown is their maid of all work.
The donation party given to the Rev. Geo. Barbor was a success socially and financially. The large number present were served to a nice supper. Our young people rendered some good music, after which Mr. Barbor made a few apt remarks, closing them with a prayer, and as he retired from the hall, he went with \$16.58 more than when he came. The bad traveling prevented a larger number being there.
The timber lands of the late Wm. P. Stevens of this town were sold at auction, Wednesday, Dec. 1, by L. S. Webb of Bridgton. John Ames bid off two lots, Aaron Jones two lots, Henry Emerson three lots, Clarence Ring one lot, Frank Field of Bridgton Lumber Co. one lot. The Stevens heirs realized \$3,775 from the sale. The lands were sold in large and small lots.
The remains of Robert W. Locklin of Fryeburg were brought to this town, Sunday, Dec. 5th. Services conducted at 2 p. m. at the Ridlon schoolhouse by the Rev. Geo. Barbor. Burial in the cemetery near the schoolhouse. Mr. Locklin was a former resident of this town, and by his sudden death of heart trouble, he leaves a deeply afflicted widow, three daughters and four sons. All were at the services except Albert, the oldest one, sickness preventing.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Read Stone's Christmas ad.
Fred Thurlow has moved here from South Paris.
The brethren and sisters cleaned the chapel, Monday.
Henry Cole was down from Bryant's Pond, Thursday.
S. F. Whitman and wife returned from Falmouth, Thursday.
L. T. Millett of Lewiston was here, Monday, and supplied Fuller with his remedies.
W. S. McKen is down from Lynn, and will entertain the citizens with the latest talking machine, the gramophone, one evening, this week.
I learn that gold is being procured from the north part of the town in the Bradbury mine so called. We'll have a Klondike of our own, yet.
In order that you may not think it was a gold mine that Mr. McAllister purchased of Mr. Wilson in last week's items, I will tell you that it was a horse and carriage.

GREENWOOD.

The Foster boys have purchased a nice span of horses from Frank Andrews of Norway.
Vernon Walton, wife and baby, are stopping at Mrs. Walton's father's, Nelson Jackson's.
Fred Waterhouse has returned from Berlin, N. H., where he has been at work for some time.
For Christmas goods visit Morton's stores at West Paris and Bryant's Pond and see the finest line in the county.
Abbie Whittle, who has been stopping with her brother Willard, since the death of her mother, has returned to her home in Portland.
The Epworth League is to give a social at the church, Friday evening, Dec. 17. The exercises are to consist of recitations, music and a paper. Cake and coffee will be served. The proceeds are to go for the new parsonage.
The Lyceum, Saturday evening, given by the scholars in District No. 2, was a success in every respect. The parts were well rendered. Fine music was furnished by the teacher, Mr. Bacon, assisted by his son and daughter. A crowded house and a good time was enjoyed by all.

WEST BETHEL.

Flora Rollins was at home a few hours, last Sunday.
W. A. Farwell has killed his hog. It weighed 450 lbs.
Nahum Mason has been doing carpenter work for C. L. Abbott.
Charles Rollins of Dixfield was here recently to visit his brother.
Frank Goodnow was down from Gorham, N. H., one day last week.
Charles Abbott, Jr., bought a nice chamber set at auction, last week.
Eugene Briggs of Bethel was here recently and stopped a few days with his father.
C. S. Ayer, general agent for Maine Farmer, stopped over last Sunday at W. A. Farwell's.
Florence Stiles, oldest daughter of Henry Stiles, is boarding at Bethel Hill and attending school.
Rev. Mr. Wheeler of West Paris is expected to preach at Union church in this village, next Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. Free seats for all.
Quite an addition has been built in connection to the blacksmith shop of A. S. Bean. We understand that power from the mill is to be carried into this building for the purpose of sawing out all kinds of lumber necessary to use in repairs done in the shop.
Charles Ruggles, a short time ago, went on a deer hunt, got his pants wet through and when starting out again borrowed a pair of pants of Henry Stiles, which were many sizes too large for him. As he has not returned perhaps he is using the unnecessary room in the pants for a camp, or may be to carry his game in. We would judge by the difference in size of the two men that there must be considerable spare room in the pants to use for some purpose.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

Irvin Kiddier has butchered about all the hogs around here and at the village.
All the schools in this town began their winter term on Monday, December 6th.
Pork, beans and butter are, comparatively speaking, cheap; while milk, eggs and honey are high.
That history of the first Congregational church of Otisfield in a late issue of the Advertiser was quite interesting.
Let those who have plenty remember the words of the two men at the village, "What's true religion? Dogmas and isms? Ardent devotion to time honored creeds? Nay, 'tis soul yearning for all creatures' real, Life filled with loving, and kindest deeds."
Harrison Harvey of this place died at his home, on the morning of Nov. 30th, in his 77th year. His funeral occurred, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3, and was largely attended. We heard the minister, Rev. E. W. Webber, say that Mr. Harvey had taught one hundred and eight terms of school.
The two saw mills here will do quite a business in the spring, sawing birch into squares. Geo. Newman delivers about 200 cords at Alexander Holman's mill for Morrill & Stowell, and Andrew C. Childs and Horace Holman about the same amount at Chas. Durell's mill for J. S. Harlow. Will S. Holman, the postmaster, has 125 cords of poplar to haul from the Jno. Doble farm to Peru Station, and Scott Philbrick about the same amount. Several others, not mentioned, have from 2 to 10 cords to haul to the toothpick mill, where they get \$8 per cord. So business will be quite lively when snow comes.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

Albert Packard is visiting Mrs. Freeman Hapgood.
Edith Watson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Levy, in New Hampshire.
Coleman Packard and wife have returned from their wedding trip.
Mrs. Addie Hamlin and Annie Ather-ton are in Farmington on a visit.
W. W. Watson has purchased the birch and poplar on P. Glines' lot. Frank Howard and Eugene Kilgore are to haul it.
Will Abbott, the manager of W. K. Hamlin's creamery at Bethel is in town, testing cream for Mr. Hamlin, as he is not able to.

WELCHVILLE.

Everett Staples is attending school at Kent's Hill.
Nellie F. Stone of Otisfield visited at A. L. Chaplin's, last week.
Mrs. Wright is very ill from internal injury received by falling. Pauline Jordan is sick with chicken pox. Mrs. R. F. Staples, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving in health but not yet able to be out.

NORWAY LAKE.

Joseph Wood's family moved into the new house of E. F. Smith's house, Monday.
David Rounds of Danville was here at the Lake, to see relatives and friends, last Saturday.
There will be a box supper and entertainment at the schoolhouse, Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. The proceeds will be used towards purchasing pictures for the schoolroom. All are cordially invited. It seems as though all in the district should be interested enough to attend.
BIRTHS.
In Sweden, Nov. 26, to the wife of Sidney Gray, a daughter.
In North Bethel, Dec. 11, to the wife of Mr. Rowe, a daughter.
In East Hiram, Nov. 30, to the wife of Richard W. Leonard, a daughter.
In Greenwood, Dec. 7, to the wife of W. O. Emmons, a son.
In Rumford Falls, Dec. 7, to the wife of B. L. Rounds, a son.
In Rumford Falls, Dec. 8, to the wife of Camille Carrier, a daughter.
In Rumford Falls, Dec. 6, to the wife of Fred Parrio, a son.
MARRIAGES.
In East Hiram, Dec. 2, by Rev. Willis P. Plume, Rev. Seavey, Mr. Brownfield and Annette Kimball of East Hiram.
In East Hiram, Nov. 4, by John R. Trask, Esq., Charlie E. Gould and Lillian M. Hayford, both of Rumford Falls.
In Rumford Point, Nov. 26, at the residence of the bride's father, by Clark B. Frost, Esq., Fred G. James of Newry and Mrs. Carrie I. Powers of Rumford Point.
In Harrison, Dec. 1, by Rev. David Coburn, James H. Stone of Otisfield and Lena M. Haskell of Harrison.
DEATHS.
In Greenwood, Dec. 11, infant son of Wm. O. and Emma Emmons, aged 4 days.
In Greenwood, Dec. 12, infant son of Horace C. and Grace Judkins.
In Westbrook, Dec. 6, Samuel Harden of Denmark, aged 47 years.
In North Bridgton, Dec. 4, David P. Hazen, aged 60 years.
In Naples, Dec. 5, Mary J., widow of Oliver J. Merryfield of Bridgton, aged 43 years.
In Naples, Nov. 30, Robert Matthews, aged 83 years.
In West Paris, Dec. 9, Erastus K. Cummings, aged 75 years.
In Greenwood, Nov. 30, Mrs. Lydia A. Whittle, aged 84 years.
In Rumford, Dec. 5, Eliza, widow of the late Charles A. Kimball, aged 84 years.
In East Sumner, Dec. 8, Elmer A. Frazier, aged 35 years.
In Albany, Dec. 5, Caleb Hazeltine, aged 87 years.
In East Sumner, Mrs. Adella F. Fuller of Canton, aged 20 years, 7 months, 5 days.

Bargains in . . .
STEEL ENAMEL WARE!
Coffee and Teapots from 1 quart to 3 quarts, 25 cents.
HOBBS' VARIETY STORE.
Mrs. E. G. Skillings,
DEALER IN . . .
MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,
116 Main St., Corner Cottage,
Norway, Maine.
NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that Esther J. Hancock of Solers Mills, has notified Norway Savings Bank, in writing, that her Book of Deposit in said Bank, numbered 3337, has been lost, and that she desires to have a duplicate Book of deposit issued to her.
NORWY SAVINGS BANK,
Dec. 14, 1897. By S. S. STEARNS, Treas.

Whole Family Poisoned.
You quite often hear of whole families being poisoned by cheap, adulterated canned goods. Be careful in your selection of brands. We are.
Try the Seward brand Salmon, 13c. per can, 2 cans for 25c.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
C. W. WILLEY & SON,
THE GROCERS.
Great Slaughter
in prices at the
Smith & Flood
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One thousand Pair of Leather Goods to be sold at less than Jobbers' prices.
136 Main Street.

Samuel Richards,
Optician,
South Paris, Me.
I FIT GLASSES as well and as cheap as any other Optician in the State of Maine.
This I will prove to you on application at my office.
No. 6 Pleasant Street.

When Selecting . . .
"CHRISTMAS GOODS"
Remember there are many PRETTY and USEFUL PRESENTS in HARDWARE which can be obtained at
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Ladies' Work Baskets from 25c. to \$3.50
" Handkerchief Baskets " 25c. to 1.00
" Kid Glove " " 50c. to 1.00
" Jewel " " at 25c.
Waste Baskets for the house or office at 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00
Soiled Clothes Hampers from \$1.00 to 3.00
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A Gentleman Appreciates a Fine Lady!

A Gentleman also appreciates something useful and durable for a

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We carry one of the most USEFUL, DURABLE and DESIRABLE lines of

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B and B of Gents' Up-to-date COLLARS 20c., 3 for 50c.

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Gents' 25c. Neckwear, 2 for 25c.
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Christmas Presents

are not exactly in our line, but when you are getting ready for your Christmas Dinner then we can supply you with everything you may need. Christmas Candles, Oranges, Nuts, Table Raisins, Pop Corn, Figs, Dates, Etc. Remember we endeavor to carry everything usually found in a Grocery Store, and will try and make it for your interest to deal with us.
CHAS. F. RIDLON,
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KLONDIKE FOR COLD!

OXFORD COUNTY SHOE STORE

FOR Christmas Slippers!

Our stock of SLIPPERS are the largest we have had for years, and we have made our prices very low for the Christmas trade. We invite you to examine our goods and get our prices before making your selection.
WARM FOOTWEAR
for both Old and Young. You can clothe your feet at our store for less money than elsewhere.

ALL GOODS AS REPRESENTED AT
OXFORD COUNTY SHOE STORE,
F. W. FAUNCE, Clerk.

Summer has ended, autumn is here. Now is the time you want to stay in the house, and you wish to have your rooms comfortable and attractive. We have just received a lot of

NEW FURNITURE

direct from the factory, that can and will be sold as cheap as you can purchase anywhere in the State. Chamber Suits in Oak, Ash, Polished Birch and White Enamel, from \$13.00 to 40.00.
Parlor Suits, Upholstered Chairs, Swing Rockers, Willows in great variety, Dining Chairs at all prices.
Couches and Lounges, from \$5.00 to 20.00.
Tables in too great an assortment for description.—Hair, Cotton, Wool, Peerless and Soft Top Mattresses, Pillows from \$2.00 to 5.50.
In fact everything you need to make you feel satisfied with the comforts of home. Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. No trouble to show goods.

C. H. EATON, Harrison, Maine.

INCURABLE.

By I. ZANGWILL.

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"Wouldst thou reopen my wounds?"
"Rarely, then."
He put out his hand timidly. She
saw it and held it passionately.
"Yes, Herzl! Do not leave me!
Come and see me here—as a friend, an
acquaintance, a man I used to know.
The others are thoughtless—they forget
I shall lie here—perhaps the angel
of death will forget me too." Her grasp
tightened till it hurt him acutely.
"Yes, I will come. I will come often,"
he said, with a sob of physical pain.
Her grasp loosened. She dropped his
hand.
"But not till thou art married," she
said.
"Be it so."
"Of course thou must have a 'still
wedding.' The English synagogue will
not marry thee."
"The Maggid will marry me."
"Thou wilt show me her cesnubah
when thou comest next?"
"Yes, I will borrow it of her."
A week passed. He brought the mar-
riage certificate.
Outwardly she was calm. She glanced
through it.
"God be thanked," she said and
handed it back.
They chatted of indifferent things, of
the doings of the neighbors. When he
was going, she said, "Thou wilt come
again?"
"Yes, I will come again."
"Thou art so good to spend thy time
on me thus. But thy wife. Will she not
be jealous?"
He stared, bewildered by her strange,
very moments.
"Jealous of thee?" he murmured.
She took it in its contemptuous sense,
and her white lips twitched, but she
only said, "Is she aware thou hast come
here?"
He shrugged his shoulders. "Do I
know? I have not told her."
"Well, then."
"As thou wishest."
There was a pause. Presently the
woman spoke:
"Wilt thou not bring her to see me?
Then she will know that thou hast no
love left for me."
He flinched as at a stab. After a pain-
ful moment he said, "Art thou in ear-
nest?"
"I am no marriage jester. Bring her
to me. Will she not come to see an in-
valid? Is a Mitzvah (good deed) to visit
the sick. It will wipe out her trespass."
She shall come."
She came. Sarah stared at her for an
instant with poignant curiosity. Then
her eyelids drooped to shut out the daz-

zle of her youth and freshness. Herzl's
wife moved awkwardly and sheepishly.
But she was beautiful—a buxom, comely
country girl from a Russian village,
with a swelling bust and a cheek rosy
with health and confusion.
Sarah's breast was racked by a thou-
sand needles, but she found breath at
last.
"God bless—these, Mrs.—Kretznow!"
she said gaspingly. She took the girl's
hand. "How good thou art to come and
see a sick creature!"
"My husband willed it," the new
wife said in clumsy deprecation. She
had a simple, stupid air that did not
seem wholly due to the constraint of
the strange situation.
"Thou wast right to obey. Be good to
him, my child. For three years he wait-
ed on me when I lay helpless. He has
suffered much. Be good to him!"
With an impulsive movement she
drove the girl's head down to her and
kissed her on the lips. Then, with an
anguished cry of "I have you for today!"
she jerked the blanket over her face and
burst into tears. She heard the couple
move hesitatingly away. The girl's
beauty shone on her through the opaque
coverings.
"O God!" she wailed. "God of Abra-
ham, Isaac and Jacob, let me die now!
For the merits of the patriarchs take me
soon, take me soon!"
Her vain, passionate prayer, muffled
by the bedclothes, was wholly drowned
by ear piercing shrieks from the ward
above—certain of agony mingled with
half artless accusations of attempted
poisoning—the familiar paroxysm of
the palsied woman who clung to life.
The thrill passed again through Sis-
ter Margaret. She uplifted her sweet,
humid eyes.
"Ah, Christ," she whispered, "if I
could die for her!"

THE END.

The Doctors of Hoyland

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

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Dr. James Ripley was always looked
upon as an exceedingly lucky dog by all
of the profession who knew him. His
father had preceded him in a practice
in the village of Hoyland, in the north
of Hampshire, and all was ready for him
on the very first day that the law al-
lowed him to put his name at the foot of
a prescription. In a few years the old
gentleman retired and settled on the
Smith coast, leaving his son in undis-
puted possession of the whole coun-
try.

On the other hand, there was much to
be said for Dr. Ripley. He had a clear
run of six miles in every direction and
took his £1,500 a year, though, as is
usual in country practices, the stable
swallowed up most of what the consult-
ing room earned.
Dr. James Ripley was two and thirty
years of age, reserved, learned, unmar-
ried, with set, rather stern features and
a thinning of the dark hair upon the top
of his head, which was worth quite a
hundred a year to him. He was particu-
larly happy in his management of
ladies. He had caught the tone of bland
sternness and decisive snavity which
dominates without offending. Ladies,
however, were not equally happy in
their management of him. Professionally
he was always at their service. So-
cially he was a drop of quicksilver. In
vain the country mammas spread out
their simple lures in front of him. Dan-
ces and picnics were not to his taste,
and he preferred during his scanty lei-
sure to shut himself up in his study and
bury himself in Virchow's "Archives"
and the professional journals.
Study was a passion with him, and
he would have none of the rust which
often gathers round a country practi-
tioner. It was his ambition to keep his
knowledge as fresh and bright as at the
moment when he stepped out of the ex-
amination hall. He prided himself on
being able at a moment's notice to rat-
tle off the seven ramifications of some
obscure artery or to give the exact per-
centage of any pathological compound.
After a long day's work he would sit up
half the night performing iodoformisms
and extractions upon the sheep's eyes
sent in by the village butcher, to the
horror of his housekeeper, who had to
remove the debris next morning. His
love for his work was the one fanaticism
which found a place in his dry, precise
nature.
It was the more to his credit that he
should keep up to date in his knowledge,
since he had no competition to force him
to exertion. In the seven years during
which he had practiced in Hoyland three
rivals had pitted themselves against
him, two in the village itself and one
in the neighboring hamlet of Lower
Hoyland. Of these one had sickened
and wasted, being, as it was said, him-
self the only patient whom he had treat-
ed during his 18 months of ruralizing.
A second had bought a fourth share of
a Basingstoke practice and had departed
honourably, while a third had vanished,
one September night, leaving a gutted
house and an unpaid drug bill behind
him. Since then the district had be-
come a monopoly, and no one had dared
to measure himself against the estab-
lished fame of the Hoyland doctor.
It was, then, with a feeling of some
surprise and considerable curiosity that
on driving through Lower Hoyland one
morning he perceived that the new house
at the end of the village was occu-
pied, and that a virgin grass plot
glistened upon the swinging gate which
faced the highroad. He pulled up his
50 guinea chestnut mare and took a
good look at it. "Verrinder Smith, M.
D.," was printed across it in very neat,
small lettering. The last man had had
lettering half a foot long with a lamp
like a fine station. Dr. James Ripley
noted the difference and deduced from
it that the newcomer might possibly
prove a more formidable opponent. He
was convinced of it that evening when
he came to consult his medical direc-
tory. By it he learned that Dr. Ver-
rinder Smith was the holder of superb
degrees; that he had studied with dis-
tinction at Edinburgh, Paris, Berlin
and Vienna, and finally that he had been
awarded a gold medal and the Lee Hop-
kins scholarship for original research in
recognition of an exhaustive inquiry
into the functions of the anterior spinal
nervous roots. Dr. Ripley passed his fin-
gers through his thin hair in bewilder-
ment as he read his rival's record.
What on earth could so brilliant a man
mean by putting up his plate in a little
Hampshire hamlet?
But Dr. Ripley furnished himself
with an explanation to the riddle. No
doubt Dr. Verrinder Smith had simply
come down there in order to pursue
some scientific research in peace and
quiet. The plate was up as an address
rather than as an invitation to patients.
Of course that must be the true explana-
tion. In that case the presence of this
brilliant neighbor would be a splendid
thing for his own studies. He had of-
ten longed for some kindred mind, some
steel on which he might strike his flint.
Chance had brought it to him, and he
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bonnet hanging in the hall. It was a
pity that his colleague should be a mar-
ried man. It would put them upon a
different footing and interfere with
those long evenings of high scientific
talk which he had pictured to himself.

On the other hand, there was much to
be said for Dr. Ripley. He had a clear
run of six miles in every direction and
took his £1,500 a year, though, as is
usual in country practices, the stable
swallowed up most of what the consult-
ing room earned.
Dr. James Ripley was two and thirty
years of age, reserved, learned, unmar-
ried, with set, rather stern features and
a thinning of the dark hair upon the top
of his head, which was worth quite a
hundred a year to him. He was particu-
larly happy in his management of
ladies. He had caught the tone of bland
sternness and decisive snavity which
dominates without offending. Ladies,
however, were not equally happy in
their management of him. Professionally
he was always at their service. So-
cially he was a drop of quicksilver. In
vain the country mammas spread out
their simple lures in front of him. Dan-
ces and picnics were not to his taste,
and he preferred during his scanty lei-
sure to shut himself up in his study and
bury himself in Virchow's "Archives"
and the professional journals.
Study was a passion with him, and
he would have none of the rust which
often gathers round a country practi-
tioner. It was his ambition to keep his
knowledge as fresh and bright as at the
moment when he stepped out of the ex-
amination hall. He prided himself on
being able at a moment's notice to rat-
tle off the seven ramifications of some
obscure artery or to give the exact per-
centage of any pathological compound.
After a long day's work he would sit up
half the night performing iodoformisms
and extractions upon the sheep's eyes
sent in by the village butcher, to the
horror of his housekeeper, who had to
remove the debris next morning. His
love for his work was the one fanaticism
which found a place in his dry, precise
nature.
It was the more to his credit that he
should keep up to date in his knowledge,
since he had no competition to force him
to exertion. In the seven years during
which he had practiced in Hoyland three
rivals had pitted themselves against
him, two in the village itself and one
in the neighboring hamlet of Lower
Hoyland. Of these one had sickened
and wasted, being, as it was said, him-
self the only patient whom he had treat-
ed during his 18 months of ruralizing.
A second had bought a fourth share of
a Basingstoke practice and had departed
honourably, while a third had vanished,
one September night, leaving a gutted
house and an unpaid drug bill behind
him. Since then the district had be-
come a monopoly, and no one had dared
to measure himself against the estab-
lished fame of the Hoyland doctor.
It was, then, with a feeling of some
surprise and considerable curiosity that
on driving through Lower Hoyland one
morning he perceived that the new house
at the end of the village was occu-
pied, and that a virgin grass plot
glistened upon the swinging gate which
faced the highroad. He pulled up his
50 guinea chestnut mare and took a
good look at it. "Verrinder Smith, M.
D.," was printed across it in very neat,
small lettering. The last man had had
lettering half a foot long with a lamp
like a fine station. Dr. James Ripley
noted the difference and deduced from
it that the newcomer might possibly
prove a more formidable opponent. He
was convinced of it that evening when
he came to consult his medical direc-
tory. By it he learned that Dr. Ver-
rinder Smith was the holder of superb
degrees; that he had studied with dis-
tinction at Edinburgh, Paris, Berlin
and Vienna, and finally that he had been
awarded a gold medal and the Lee Hop-
kins scholarship for original research in
recognition of an exhaustive inquiry
into the functions of the anterior spinal
nervous roots. Dr. Ripley passed his fin-
gers through his thin hair in bewilder-
ment as he read his rival's record.
What on earth could so brilliant a man
mean by putting up his plate in a little
Hampshire hamlet?
But Dr. Ripley furnished himself
with an explanation to the riddle. No
doubt Dr. Verrinder Smith had simply
come down there in order to pursue
some scientific research in peace and
quiet. The plate was up as an address
rather than as an invitation to patients.
Of course that must be the true explana-
tion. In that case the presence of this
brilliant neighbor would be a splendid
thing for his own studies. He had of-
ten longed for some kindred mind, some
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her second daughter, Eliza, as a sign
of the indignation of the Cuckoo at a
third helping of a raspberry tart which
she had partaken of during a critical
period, looked that, with the help
of two galvanic needles, the mischief
was not irreparable. In a month Dr. Ver-
rinder Smith was known, and in two
she was famous.
To be continued.

The Fighting Buck.

Never Go Hunting Without a Knife at
Your Belt.

I have often been asked, "Will a deer
fight?" I answer, "yes." There is no
animal that roams at large but what,
when cornered or wounded will fight to
the death—as the following will show.
Charles Moores of Madrid and his
brother George started out on the new
snow to get their first deer. The two
brothers were soon separated agreeing
to meet later at a certain point.
Shortly after separating Charles saw
some deer tracks, which he followed for
half a mile, when he came to a steep
bank, and noticed the track led up the
bank to the left. He also saw a large
clump of evergreens to the right on top
of the ridge, and he thought the deer
would be more likely to stop there than
to pass on by the cover.
Moores struck up the ravine about fif-
teen rods, and worked his way up the
ascent and finally gained the summit at
a different point.
Setting both hammers on his double
barrel, which was charged with buck
shot, he cautiously worked his way
through the fir. He had gone about a
dozen rods when he saw the head and
neck of a deer about twenty rods dis-
tant. The deer was lying down and
seemed to be very intent on watching
his back tracks.
A large tree stood about half the dis-
tance to the deer. To get this tree in
range with the deer's head was but the
work of a few seconds.
The hunter succeeded in gaining the
tree, and as he did so the buck sprang
to its feet and looked about him. At
this movement of the deer, Charles
raised his gun. The buck went down,
and he ran to his game, stood his gun
against a tree trunk, in the act of put-
ting his hand into his pocket for his
jackknife, when the buck sprang to his
feet, and with antlers lowered, charged
his adversary with all the fury of a wild
bull.
Moores being a muscular and active
man, sprang to one side and caught the
buck by one horn and twisted its neck
nearly double, causing him to fall on his
side. Charles tried again to get his
knife.
While this was going on the deer was
trying to see how many yards of carpet
rags he could make of Moores' coat and
pants.
In his attempt to get the broken blad-
ed knife from his pocket, the deer got
on his feet again, turning the hunter
on his head and shoulders. Before the
buck could turn around, Charles had
him by both horns, and with all his
strength brought the deer to the ground.
Placing his knee on one horn, he again
reached for his knife. The animal gad-
dered his hind feet for a desperate leap
and sent Moores backwards, and both
went down an embankment 15 feet.
Moores holding on for his life to the
horns of the buck. At this state of
things, Charles saw the thought of the
old gun, and with all the strength he
had he sprang up the embankment with
the deer at his heels. As he came past
the tree he snatched up the gun, whirled
around and pressed the trigger with the
muzzle within a few feet of the deer's
neck, which killed him.
To hunters—Never go deer hunting
without a good knife at your belt for in-
stant use. In consequence of not having
a good knife, Charles went into the fight
quite a dazed, but came out a first-class
tramp.—[Punchograph.]

MASON.

C. F. Brown and Daniel Mills were in
Fryeburg, the past week.

Orrys Mills and family have moved
from Waterford to this place.

Ben Skillings and wife of Otisfield
spent the Sabbath with their daughter,
Mrs. Arthur Tyler.

William P. Putnam of Auburn visited
his sister, Mrs. N. H. Tyler, and called
on old schoolmates, the past week.

S. O. Grover slaughtered two nice
hogs, last Saturday. Mr. Grover was at
South Paris, Dec. 7, to Pomona Grange.

A. L. Prescott has moved from South
Paris into one of A. S. Bean's rents, near
the steam mill, and will run the engine,
this winter.

EAST HEBRON.

C. F. McKenny is in North Auburn
on a visit.

Al. Martz is booked to give an enter-
tainment here, Jan. 10.

S. R. Brown recently lost his only cow
from a prevailing disease.

James A. Shaw is at home on a two
weeks' vacation from Portland.

The young people attended a masked
sociable at Chase's Mills, Saturday evening.

Henry Allen has moved into Wm. De-
Coster's house. Report says he is going
into the grain trade at West Minot.

Italy is fairly represented in peddlers
in our streets, the past week. They are
fine if you trade, if not a change takes
place instantly.

Rev. Frank Snell from Brookville was
in church, last Sabbath, and gave a very
interesting discourse. His many friends
and associates were very glad to listen
to him after a long absence from the
place.

Addison Monk passed away, Friday
morning, after a long, lingering sick-
ness. Consumption fastened on him,
several years since, and his ambition
was better than his strength. The past
year has been a year of pain and sorrow
to him. His third wife and three sons
still remain. He lost two wives and one
son (son of his first wife). He recently
bought a farm, but remarked it would
do him no good, but he wanted his boys
to have something to keep them busy.

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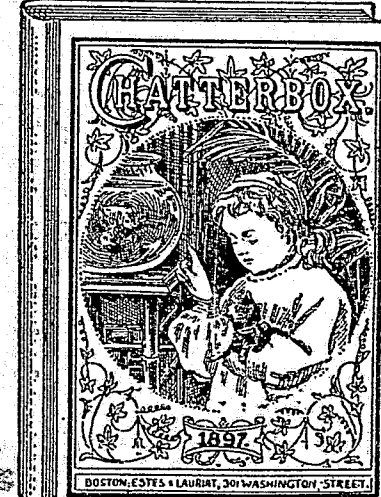
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The Eastham Trial.

A jury for the trial of Col. Robert W. Eastham on the charge of murdering Frank E. Thompson, formerly of Norway, was secured at Parsons, the shire town of Tucker county, West Virginia, Thursday, Dec. 2. The examination of talesmen began on the Monday previous and the "twelve men and true" were secured after questioning a panel of 135. The prosecution is conducted by District Attorney Howard and Congressman Dayton; the defense is looked after by Judge McCormick and Mr. Daily, both Virginians. In all eighteen lawyers are employed in the case. The presiding justice is Judge Holt of the Superior Court. It is one of the biggest trials ever held in West Virginia, and the counsel employed on both sides is the ablest in the South.

The prosecution has made out a strong case on the charge of premeditation, occupying a week in getting in all their direct evidence before the defense opened. The defense is fighting for a verdict of self defense. Their claim is that Eastham merely undertook to give Thompson a tongue lashing and was shot when he fired in self defense. How much such a theory will weigh against such a large amount of testimony proving that he repeatedly threatened to kill Thompson is hard to predict.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

James Tyler is at this place looking for a job of work.

Angie Chapman recently visited at Amy Bean's, for some days.

Herman Bennett has hired out to work at Miss A. E. Bean's for awhile.

Newton Stearns' health is not very good. He is suffering from a bad cough.

Mrs. Rogers who has been visiting at the Homestead, for some time, has gone away.

Mrs. Sally Bennett has finished work for Mrs. Frank Brown. Mrs. Bennett always gives satisfaction wherever she works and any one in need of a good nurse can do no better than employ her.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

School commenced here, Dec. 6, Hattie Abbott of Fryeburg teacher.

The Stirling Literary Club meets with Mrs. W. J. Pittman, Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Ladies' Circle are preparing for a Xmas festival to be held at the chapel.

The boys in the village were busy making the most of the little ice to be found, last week.

S. A. Smith is at work for Geo. Shaw and D. H. Charles, skidding timber on the Moses Eastman place in Stow.

A. Stevens was called to Mechanic Falls to attend the funeral of his brother, Charles Stevens, who died quite suddenly in that place.

The drama given by the Ladies' Circle was a great success in every way. It is to be hoped they will strive for still more laurels in the future.

Mark Coolbroth of Steep Falls was in the place, last week.

Miss Andrews of Lovell is at Mrs. Martha Farrington's.

Mrs. George Gordon is visiting relatives in West Fryeburg.

Ella Colby has returned from a visit of several weeks in Portland.

Charles Wiley of Brownfield has been at his brother's, Albert Wiley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wiley of Fryeburg spent Friday at Thomas Dresser's.

The members of the dramatic club were entertained by Mrs. Loren Brown, Wednesday evening.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

E. W. Barker has bought him a horse, Isaac Abbott is visiting relatives in Sweden.

I. V. Emerson is building a stable for Charles Day at Stow.

Mrs. Charles Meserve visited relatives in this place, last week.

C. H. Wiswell bought a pair of calves of W. S. Day, last week.

School commenced, last Monday, in district No. 12, Gertrude Haley, teacher. Buzzell & Quint have contracted to furnish 300 cords of wood for Conway parties.

C. W. Farrington is building him a work shop. He will put in a small engine to run his circular saw and turning lathe.



'Tis the week before Christmas, and all through the street
Is the noise and scamper of hurrying feet.
Old Santa is out and with a great many more
He calls on Miss Prince, in her large, new store.
As he opens the door, the first thing he spies
Is a fine jewel case, which of course he buys.
Then children's books, from three cents to a quarter,
Which are selling fast, as of course they ought to.

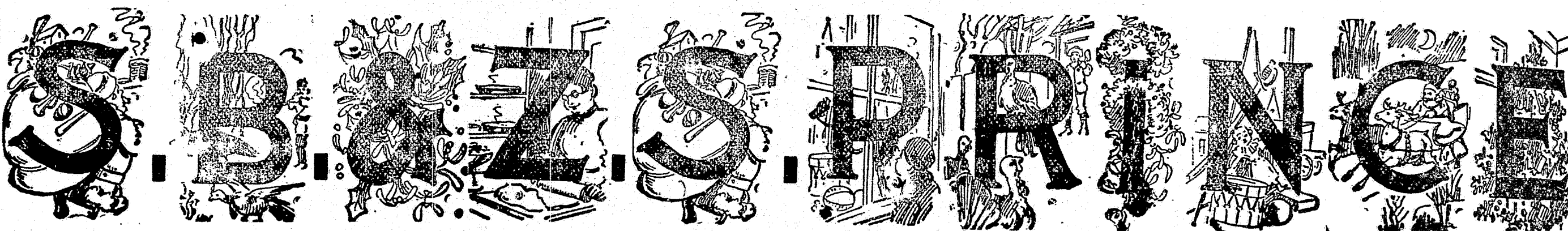
Passing by the ribbons, and hairpins, and such,
He looks in the show case at things he can't touch;
That's where they keep those handkerchiefs fine,
From three to six dollars will make one shine.
Paper knives, and penholders, and scissors, and rings,
Bells, brushes, pocketbooks and a host of such things.
Round the corner are silk-covered pillows of down
As fine as are found anywhere in the town.

A step farther on he sees at one glance
To fill his pack with handkerchiefs a very good chance;
From two cents to one hundred and fifty he knows
Buys one good enough to use in the care of one's nose.
Just here he happens around sharp to turn,
What he sees is enough to make one's fingers burn—
A show-case full of silver! To get this is not hard
Since each piece is exchanged for an old punched card.

Behind this are the wrappers, Mrs. Ridlon's delight,
They will fit very smoothly if not too tight.
Then quilts, and the skirts, table linens so fine,
Good enough should the President with you dine.
But the cloaks at the lower end of the store
The prices have been marked low, lower and lower,
Till to-day to quote them makes them blush,
And they only do so in a business rush.

After looking these over, the aprons white,
Fill Old Kriss Kringle with pure delight,
For they are long, and wide, and fancy or plain,
Are all their own make, which is surely your gain.
The next thing that claims the caller's attention
Is the dress goods, and these he bids us mention
For he thinks there is not such a stock in town
With the styles so far up and the price so far down.

His call it is pleasant, his call it is long,
That is why you don't read here a prettier song.
But he bids me tell all, who to read it take time,
To call on Miss Prince if they've only a dime,
For in all Oxford County he's very sure
There are not better bargains on goods that endure.
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Lizzie E. Burnell is teaching in South Harswell.

Louise Stuart of Biddeford visited his brothers here, last week.

Mrs. Ruth Cole returned to her work in Biddeford, some days ago.

E. O. Allen, of the Allen Mfg. Co., has moved to Mrs. Mary Wallace's house.

Gardner and Almon Storer have moved to C. Howard's rents on Hancock Avenue.

Rev. H. H. Hoyt visited friends here, last week, on his way to Lewiston and again on his return to St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Sarah M. Bean entertained the Universalist Circle, last Thursday. More than fifty took supper and all enjoyed the occasion. Mrs. George N. Colby and Mrs. Fernando Witham of Denmark were present.

Good fiction and abundant and novel illustrations are the features of the Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine. The cover is an odd and effective picture.

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The tickets for the Symphony Jan. 6, will be 75 cents.

Read Hills' ad.

Swan will operate all of next week except Tuesday.

Read Shurtleff's book ad, then see the books. He has bargains will delight you.

Don't forget that I have the assortment of everything usually a first-class jewelry store. Home Norway.

Extra heavy, sheep skin lined, coats for \$3 at Foster's.

Altamus books, 18c., 6 for \$1.

Reduced prices on mufflers at Many good, useful, common articles for presents at Tucker's and trunk store. See ad.

Look at Foster's 35c. leather mittens.

My stock of fine watches, and jewelry is complete. Home Norway, Me.

Read Hills' special local in amn. Be sure and find it.

Christmas day is the time family groups taken by Swan, charge for groups.

Bargains in fur coats, ulsters, coats at Noyes & Andrews' 3 pairs woolen mittens for 25c. ter's.

"A stitch in time saves nine" pairing of men's, women's and clothing done neatly and promptly at No. 6 Hazen street, Maine.

Big reductions on handkerchiefs day and Saturday, all lines down, at Mrs. Hills'. 50c handkerchiefs, marked down to 42c.

Remember that Swan does not after Jan. 1st, but leaves Norway about that date for some months.

Buy your books for presents at Jeff's, South Paris. He has had good paper, good print, good good literature; prices such as heard of before.

25c. neckties for 15c. until New Year's.

If you are looking for good prices to suit the times, call at reliable jewelry store of Home Norway.

Big reduction on all goods at line in Oxford county, Friday, Saturday, at Hills, the jeweler. The cause of it.

Thousands of photos are being at the Bartlett studio.

Noyes & Andrews are making low prices in their Custom Tailorment. See ad.

It pays to buy at Foster's.

Lost, Dec. 8, near Crooked river, grizzled hound spotted black and Liberal reward. L. P. Swett, Norway.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

George J. Payne has gone to bakery.

A plate glass front has been to bakery.

H. H. Hobson of Hastings was Tuesday.

Amly Perry of Norway Lake for Mrs. E. E. Smith.

George D. Swift is building a the rear of his house.

Ambrose Warren is at home studies at Colby University.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jones, iting his mother and sister in B.

Ambrose Brown and family moved into their new house on Park.

Dennie Joscelyn, who has been Moody School at Northfield, Minn. town.

Will Austin is building a store near his machine shop on avenue.

The Oxford Light Co. keeps electric lights shining all through this week.

Albert R. Whitman killed a pig and a half pig, last week, which 380 pounds.

Horace W. Oxnard is at home studies in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Fred Lafarier and Walter L. are at home from Bowdoin College the holidays.

Mrs. Jennie Frost and son have to her father's, Mr. King's residence, Alpine street.

Mrs. Beckley, who has been her sister, Annie Burbank, has to her home in Auburn.

Dr. H. L. Bartlett's team and had a runaway, Saturday. Nobody but the buggy was wrecked.

C. W. Wiley is getting around. He has been pretty lame, since from his wagon, a couple of weeks in Albany.

A. C. Cleveland of East France Cleveland's father of, lags, has had the misfortune to totally blind.

J. Wesley Swan goes to Poland week, to do a lot of work for J. born, the Boston millionaire, at tate in Poland.

Mrs. Agnes Bennett has moved the Cummings house on Whittier to the new house of Harry Jackson the tannery lot.

The new pump and electric the pumping station arrived, The pump weighs 24,000 pounds motor 5,500 pounds.

Jesse P. Edwards moves down in the Elden Smart house, and Brachbury will take the upstairs vacated by Edwards.

R. C. Thompson, Fred Allen a morning, to have another day. The snow ought to make easy t.

Simeon Harriman opened his store in Beal Block, Friday last. a good stock attractively arranged pretty window display of candy.

A. L. Cole of Rochester, N. has been working in the stock the past two weeks, will move Crockett rent on Bridge street week.

There will be an apron sale at the G. A. R. Hall, Wednesday, and also disposal of a silk quilt, ing the number of seeds in a p. All are invited.

The new boiler at the shoe factory steamed up for the first time, last afternoon. It was about earlier than was expected. Just son for the cold weather of Sunday.